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Dear Mr. Mirza Ismail,

I am sending herewith a brief statement in regard to some problems of our univ: & of what I regard to be the most simple solution. I have talked the matter over with some educationists & with Mr Jait before he left India: the basis of my suggestions are to be found in a slightly modified form in the western universities & just as Mysore took a forward step in introducing a univ, I believe it will be equally bold in introducing some reforms which are not to be found in any univ: in India & which for that very reason do not appeal to many who have the shaping of our univ: I mean such gentlemen who alone could

Continued as a part-time lecturer he might have been in touch with actual working operations of the P. W. Dept, which he is not now: such part time lecturers like Mr N. N. Iyengar, who are thus always in touch with Engineering problems & whose lectures are consequently more illustrative & useful, can be dispensed with, when the fork finds there is no need for some years to come to train up Engineers. Such part time lecturers in that they have to lecture to students, read up books & post themselves well in theory so as to be useful to the P. W Dept as well as to the Engg. College: Full time Professors & lecturers while they are useless for the above reasons, cannot be dispensed with without having to provide for them elsewhere: Pray excuse me for Expanding in this letter & I hope during your leisure you can peruse my typed memo: I remain with regards. Yours sincerely
M. Srinivasa Rao
Prof. of Engg: Chem

To
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function, them or are responsible to look for the well being of the univ: Hence I have taken the liberty to trouble you with this & my type memo & hope that, if you consider some of my suggestions agreeable, you will try your best to influence towards their adoption: You were too busy all these days & last time when I was in Mysore for the Senate meeting & called on you, I was told you had gone to Bangalore: Intended talking over what I have written, for I was quite confident I could convince you to some extent of the necessity for a change in economics of the univ: If it is regarded, so dear it is in some quarters, that the univ: is a burden on the state, — in spite of the recognised & often expressed opinion of experts that this is the era of smaller & more numerous universities, — then the sooner we embrace changes which will economise the budget, the better: In regard to univ: & basic studies, I think, a state like ours, can-not just yet, encourage such studies & courses & studies in subjects which are not represented by at least a dozen students. Eg. in Zoology we have usually one or none, Geology one or two & for Botany in equal no:, ever since the univ: began: This is of course a matter on which there can be wide differences of opinions than mine: But in regard to the Engg. Dept & many other technical studies, there can be two opinions at all, that the Engg. Dept as it is organised is far from satisfactory: Eg. almost in accordance with my suggestions, Mr N. N. Iyengar is a part time lecturer paid only Rs 100 pm month & he does his work far more efficiently in the Engg. than a specially appointed Asst Professor, who is a raw graduate, could do: This is an efficient arrangement & most economical: Mr S. R. Rao who was some years ago a part time lecturer on mech: Engg & who did his work just as well & even better for 100 Rs a month, is now made a full-time Professor: If he had